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INTIMATIONS.

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MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOOTE,
Secretary
Hongkong, December 8, 1920.

INTIMATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMBATING VENEREAL DISEASES.

THE following MEETINGS have been arranged under the auspices of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce:

Meeting for Men only of the European Community at the Chamber of Commerce Room, Chartered Bank Building, Queen's Road Central, (TO-DAY) THURSDAY, at 5.30 p.m.

Address by Dr. RUFY HILLAY.

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Hongkong, January 5, 1921.

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INDO-CHINA.

RICHES OUTLINED.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S INSPIRING REPORT.

The Governor-General of Indo-China, M. Maurice Long, arrived at Marseilles on December 13 after an excellent voyage on the M.M.S. "Forthos."

In the course of an interview, M. Long said that his intention was to submit to the Government a complete economic and financial development scheme for the great Asiatic colony.

The expenditure involved would amount to about 250,000,000 piastres (or about Frs. 2,000,000,000 at the present exchange value of the piastre), and would be distributed over a period of 10 years. This outlay could be covered in part by the resources of the Indo-Chinese Bridge, and the balance by local loans guaranteed by the Home Country.

The present economic situation of Indo-China is strong enough to enable her to undertake a financial operation of this magnitude. M. Long declared. The total amount of her commerce grew from Frs. 500,000,000 in 1911 to Frs. 1,800,000,000 in 1919, and it reached Frs. 1,200,000,000 during the first six months of the current year. The ordinary budgetary revenue exceeds Frs. 500,000,000.

Confidence in the credit of Indo-China exists in all the countries of the Far East, the Governor-General continued. Her piastre commands a premium at Hongkong and at Singapore. Other aspects of the political situation are also most satisfactory.

"None among all the countries of the Far East," said M. Long, "Indo-China has escaped the agitations which are at present occurring among the yellow races in China, Malaysia and India. There lies proof of the deep attachment of the native Indo-Chinese to France."

"The export of rice from Cochin-China alone reaches about 12,000,000 quintals, that is to say, a larger figure than the cereal exports of Algeria, Tunis and Morocco combined. The coal output at Tonking is sufficient for all industrial needs, and assures Saigon and Haiphong of a supply for the crafting of all vessels which call at these ports. The great iron and zinc resources of the country are yet to be developed.

It will be necessary to develop the productive capacity of the Saigon dock-yards which are already equipped for the construction of vessels of large tonnage. A steamer of 3,000 tons—the first of an important series—will be launched next April.

The resources of Cambodia, Annam and Laos are incalculable. Cotton, sugar, silk and lumber exist in abundance, to say nothing of products of secondary importance such as rubber, pepper and oils."

The Governor-General will also discuss, at Paris, the question of currency reform, and renewal of the charter of the Bank of Indo-China, which expires on January 21. Lastly, M. Long will deal with arrangements which are to be made in order that French and native representation should be adapted to the present political and economic needs of the country. He expects to return to his post at the end of February—French Wireless.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 6, 1921.

HONGKONG CHINESE.

It is impossible to see, even with the four-ply, double-barrelled, patent lens, superior focal telescopes which all editors carry, to what helpful position the correspondence between Messrs. Lo and Tso promises to lead us. Mr. Lo began it. Mr. Lo must, on no account attempt to deny that, for Mr. Halifax's speech simply does not count. In the first place Mr. Halifax's speech was a prandial performance, and if we were all to be pinned to the foot of the letter of our prandial pronouncements, what would happen? What could happen? We should have to devour our food in careful silence, and let our hosts guess at our gratitude. In the second place Mr. Halifax's speech has been grossly misunderstood. We believe, we honestly believe, that apart from Mr. Halifax himself (and we do not insist upon even this inclusion) we are the only man in Hongkong who understood that speech. Mr. Lo didn't. He found in it an insult to the English-speaking Chinese which it was never for a moment intended to carry, and which truly was not in it. Mr. Tso misunderstood it. He seemed to think it confirmed his own disrespect for some English-speaking Chinese, which it did not. So there they both are, going for each other hammer and tongue. If not checked in their controversial tilt, they may want to go for each other poker and firehose, which would never, never do. For both are good fellows, and write a good letter. Perhaps, if they are willing to listen, we can convince them that they are shooting into a bush that never hid an animal. Mr.

they should argue about something less likely to cause bad feeling. The bathing beaches, for instance.

EUGENICS AGAIN.

There was recently printed locally a report of a lecture by Dr. Inge on "Eugenics and Religion." We have, as it happens, considerable knowledge of both. We have, as all our readers know, a profound regard for religion; but the profundity of our regard for that very real and genuine thing is well matched by the depth of our contempt for the empty nonsense of eugenics. Perhaps we ought not to use the word empty, because this cult is full of mischief and danger. Anything more startling or shocking than the conjugation of religion and eugenics we cannot recall at the moment. Eugenics, as we might hope to show even by the utterances of Dr. Inge, is irreligious. Any real religion must abhor eugenics, no matter what this extraordinary Dean may say. No one who reads us regularly is likely to accuse us of joining in any reaction against science. We revolt against the dictates of pseudo-science. If eugenics stopped, or could stop, at the abolition of slums and the eradication of epilepsy, phthisis, etc., there would be less to say against it; but it proposes to go much farther and once in the saddle would assuredly do so. We refer rather to the eugenics of the Galtonians than to the eugenics of Dr. Inge, which seem to have been cut and trimmed to squeeze within the four corners of his own notion of Christianity. In one sense we are ourselves eugenists, for we desire greatly to tackle and improve environment, the chief factor affecting any race. The Galtonians aim more at heredity. But let us glance at a few of the reported remarks of Dr. Inge. Speaking of his fellow countrymen, this clergyman says that it is "only in the lowest strata that the worst specimens, the imbecile, for instance, gets married. In the higher ranks, a thoroughly degenerate stock [he] apparently admits their existence! tends to die out unless there is great beauty or wealth, or a title to act as a make-weight." A funny Christian, is he not, who regards "wealth or a title" as a make-weight for degeneracy? As regards beauty, we know how often consumptive girls are the most beautiful in the "lower strata," but we do not regard their good looks as a make-weight when they help to spread the white scourge. Perhaps it would not be right to call Dr. Inge a snob. It must be difficult to talk as he did without seeming snobish. "We are breeding," he said, "from our worst stocks," meaning presumably from the families who produce the rank and file of the "Contemperable Army." "Our best are being squeezed out of existence." He means the rich, a proposition which might have angered the gentle Jesus, whose views on such "make-weight" ought to be familiar to a clergyman. Tilting at Labour (a clever thing for a Churchman to do) he suggested that when in power, and having to pay the piper, the Labour man would "apply the sacred trade union principle of limitation of output to his neighbour's procreative activities." This might have been a neat touch, if limitation of output had been a principle of Trade Unionism, which it is not. What we greatly desire to ask Dr. Inge is this: Is limitation of families a sacred principle of any religion, including his own? "I do not see," he wailed, "a crumb of comfort for my own class, and I am afraid that many of our best families will inevitably disappear from the face of the earth." It is precisely there that he gives the eugenical game away. Every ardent eugenist is keen on improving the race by establishing his own class as the best type worthy of preservation. He says plainly that in his opinion the country has owed the greater part of its glory to the "professional classes," a proposition he need not stop to debate. The weakness of the eugenist position is now clear. What are we to breed for? Brain or brawn? Blonde or brunet? Are we to breed for "beauty, wealth, and title"? Dr. Inge almost persuades us that he means that. He would certainly breed for the charming attributes, whatever they may be, of the professional classes. As we belong to these classes ourselves, it would be immodest to speculate as to the nature of these desirable attributes, which presumably make us fitter to survive than the masses. An England full of Inges, however, somehow fails to brighten our eyes. With all its teeming lower orders, those vulgar trespassers, we love England. At times we come close to fancying that we love even them. But we do not love Dr. Inge when he talks like that. He is a priest, and should know better. We want to censure him when he says that religion is not hostile to eugenics. The religion that does not oppose eugenics is the one that takes it in. The religion that does not oppose eugenics is the one that takes it in.

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WHAT HAPPENED AT
SINGAPORE

STEAMER AGENTS FINED.

SINGAPORE, January 5.

W. Mansfield and Co., the Blue Funnel Line agents in Singapore, were prosecuted by the postal authorities for failing to notify that the sailing of the ss. "Knight Templar" had been altered with the result that the Hongkong mail missed it, and were fined \$50.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

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CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG CHINESE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

CHINESE POLICE ACCUSED.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.

An important case was heard yesterday afternoon at the Magistracy, when a Chinese Police Sergeant and a constable were charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with violation of duty, in aiding in the disposal of a quantity of opium.

The defendants were represented by Mr. J. H. Gardiner and Mr. M. K. Lo.

Mr. T. H. King, Deputy Superintendent of Police, prosecuted. He said that the two defendants were members of the Water Police. They were charged with the following offences:

The first defendant—of allowing opium to be placed in his house on December 8, the drug having been taken there by the second accused, of paying "hush money" to the informants, without making a report to the Police Station; and of converting the opium to his own use instead of taking it to the Police Station.

The second defendant—of taking the man on whom opium had been found to Yau Ma Tei instead of to the Police Station; and of aiding and abetting the first defendant in the possession and disposal of the opium, without making a report to his superior officer.

Associated with the two defendants in the case was a Chinese constable who had absconded. Mr. King said that on the night of December 7, information was obtained that illicit opium was on the steamer "Yasheng" lying beside the Kowloon godown. The informants communicated with Constable No. 94, stationed at West Point, and at 4 a.m. all went to a tea house and talked it over. With the permission of Inspector Willis, in charge at West Point, they set out for Kowloon Godown, arriving at 7 a.m. With Constable No. 94 was another constable from his station. They waited there until 1 p.m., then returned to No. 7 Police Station to report, leaving the informants behind. Defendants and the constable (No. 375) who had absconded were then called by the informants to watch. At 5 p.m. the first defendant left to get his meal. At 6.30 p.m. four men, one of whom wore a long coat, came ashore from the "Yasheng." One of them was searched by Constable No. 375, but no contraband was found.

The man in the long coat then took a ricksha and went towards Canton Road. Followed by C. 375. The ricksha was stopped near the Water Police Station. C. 375 led the fare to the hills and took from his legs three parcels, two of which contained opium. On the appearance of the second defendant, C. 375 turned the smuggler over to him, and took the opium to the house of the first defendant. It was not known what became of the smuggler.

The first defendant gave the informants \$10, and later \$30, to be divided among themselves and two men on the "Yasheng" who had helped them. The same night, about 11.30, Constable 94 met the defendants on the street and took them to No. 7 Police Station. From information obtained, the Court proceedings were instituted.

Mr. King said that a police officer was allowed to use discretion in advancing money to informants, but not such an amount as had been given in this instance.

The case was adjourned, after one of the informants had given evidence.

The native bankers in Canton are still pressing on the government for relief in the matter of the depreciated notes of the Bank of China, Canton Branch, reports the *Canton paper*. The native bankers may resort to legal action against the bank, unless the provincial authorities come to the rescue. So far no definite action has been taken by the Government to relieve the native bankers. The local authorities are still devising means to help the bankers.

As regards my reference to the late Sir Kai Ho Kai, Sir Boshan Wei Yuk and all those other English-speaking Chinese who are now performing public services, that of course was evoked by Mr. Halifax's statement that "those who had learned to speak English well must, of necessity, in a place like Hongkong, have their views tinged with English ideas and it was just this English tinge—speaking for his office—they wanted to get rid of." Were not the two first-named Chinese members of the District Watchmen's Committee; are not at least 7 or 8 out of the 12 members of the present District Watchmen's Committee (Advisory to the S.C.A.) men who had learned to speak English well? Without Mr. Tso's clarity and inspiration, I can only construe Mr. Halifax's speech in the light of the usual English canons. If those words meant what they say, obviously all these men, with the English tinge, are undesirable from the view of the S.C.A.'s office and should be got rid of.

In truth, the only statement in Mr. Tso's letter which has any direct relevance to my letter is his allegation that my specific complaints against Mr. Halifax are not borne out by facts. Here, we must agree to differ. He is entitled to his opinion and I to mine, but he need not, I feel, take so much trouble to attack ideas which I did not either directly or by implication express, or to give us so

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

CHINESE POLICE ACCUSED.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.

The Golf Section of the Kowloon Cricket Club held its annual general meeting last night at the Club, electing officers and transacting other business. There was a good attendance. Mr. D. G. Nicoll presided, supported by Mr. H. Overy (Hon. Secretary), Dr. Woodman, Mr. W. T. Elson and several others.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the Club could congratulate itself on having had another very successful season. The playing had been of a good standard the membership was up to the maximum allowed by the U.S.R.C. rules; and the various competitions held had been well contested and had produced some interesting play. In inter-Club matches they had to acknowledge defeat by the U.S.R.C. on two occasions. Of the games with the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the first was lost, on the last putt, and the second was won by a comfortable margin.

He hoped that these matches would be continued and members would continue to show the same lively interest at they had done in the past.

In order to perpetuate the memory of their late respected Secretary, Mr. J. H. Mead, the Club had provided a shield to be competed for. The first round of the competition would be played on January 9, the second on January 15, and the semi-final on January 23. Referring to the decision arrived at, at the last annual meeting to award monthly medals in connection with the competition for the Captain's Cup, the Chairman remarked that it had not proved a great success. He pleaded with members to take a greater interest in the qualifying competitions.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Mr. Elson for the interest he had displayed in assisting to organise the bogey pool run in conjunction with the U.S.R.C. and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. They had started off very well and he trusted the interest shown so far would be sustained.

They were also grateful to Mr. Elson for carrying on during the absence of Mr. Overy on leave.

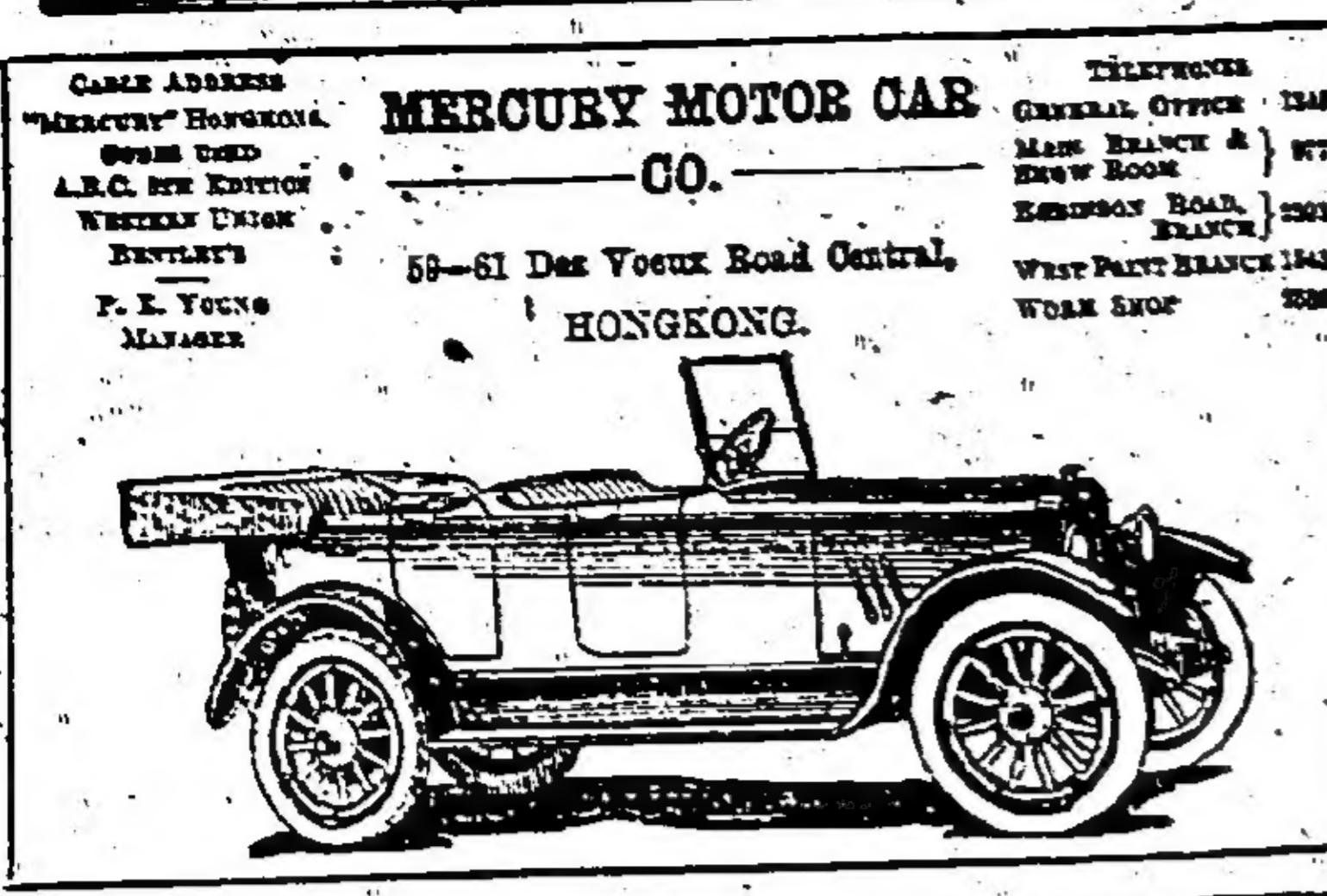
After the Chairman's address, the members proceeded with the election of officers. The following were elected:

Captain: Mr. W. T. Elson.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. Overy.

Committee: Messrs. Nicoll, Mc-

Woodman, Avenall and Dr. Woodman.



TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

FUTURE OF PALESTINE.

COUNTRY MUST PRACTICALLY BE REBUILT.

RUSH OF IMMIGRANTS.

LONDON, January 5.

Sir Alfred Mond, who is going to Palestine on January 6 to discuss details of the new Palestinian loan with Sir Herbert Samuel, interviewed by Reuter, spoke in very optimistic terms of the future of Palestine. He emphasised the enormous amount of work to be done. The country must practically be rebuilt. He dwelt on the enthusiasm of the Jews, especially in Central Europe, for settlement in Palestine. Many were actually walking from the Ukraine and reaching Palestine via Constantinople. The difficulty was to restrain would-be immigrants until the land was prepared for the new population. Sir Alfred did not anticipate religious difficulties. There was already a good deal of Arab and Jewish commercial co-operation, and the population would improve as the country advanced. All the responsible Jewish leaders were anxious to secure Arab co-operation.

WILSON'S VETO DEFEATED.

WHAT THE AMERICAN WAR FINANCE CORPORATION MEANS.

WASHINGTON, January 5.

The House of Representatives re-passed the War Finance Corporation Bill which now becomes law in spite of President Wilson's veto.

WASHINGTON, January 5.

The revival of the War Finance Corporation means the provision of a credit of \$1,000,000,000 to enable the farmers to export their surplus products to foreign markets that want to buy but are unable to pay cash.

WAR DEBTS.

FINANCIER SUGGESTS AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

UPSETTING EXCHANGES.

LONDON, January 5.

The financier Raymond Fennell, in a letter to the *Times*, refers to the impending visit of Lord Chalmers to Washington with the object of discussing the rearrangement of the payment of Britain's war debts to America. Mr. Fennell infers that Britain, in proposing to pay is apparently not considering what course should be pursued as regards her European Allies' indebtedness to her, which, even excluding Russia's heavy debt, exceed Britain's debt to the United States. He asks if the nations which fought alongside for right, liberty, and truth should exact from each other the uttermost payment for services rendered and suggests that the levying of repayments on a business basis among the Allies will jeopardise future peace and friendliness and prevent the stability of exchanges, the flourishing of trade, and the disappearance of unemployment. He urges the American Government to convene an international conference at which the whole question of inter-Allied war indebtedness should be discussed. Mr. Fennell fears that the Government has not fully realised the vital importance of dealing correctly, wisely and broad-mindedly with foreign debts.

AN IMPERIAL PACIFIC FLEET?

INTERESTING REPORT WITHOUT SLIGHTEST CONFIRMATION.

HOW THE RUMOUR ORIGINATED.

LONDON, January 5.

Considerable interest has been aroused in Dominions circles in London by an announcement in a London newspaper asserting that a Canadian naval squadron is being transferred to the Pacific where it will co-operate with the United States fleet. The statement has received especial publicity in Australia; where, unauthorised comment talks of the creation of an Imperial Pacific fleet to which the Royal Navy and Canada, Australia, and New Zealand will contribute. Reuter learns that enquiries made in London, however, failed to elicit the slightest confirmation of the foregoing statement. Indeed it is asserted that Canada, while sympathetic from an Imperial viewpoint to an Imperial Pacific fleet, wishes nothing so much as to be left to develop her internal resources. It is further pointed out that the original statement emanated from America. Nothing whatever is to hand from Canada. It may be further mentioned that orders for some of the Canadian warships to be sent to the Pacific were given some weeks ago before the vessels left Britain, the intention of the Canadian authorities being that they should appear on both shores.

WOMAN'S BLOOD GIFT.

£20 REWARD REFUSED.

SAVING A BOY'S LIFE.

To save the life of a 13-year-old boy, at St. Mary's Hospital, Praed-street, Paddington, a young woman medical student, Miss Best, who until now has remained anonymous, gave a pint of her blood.

She was chosen for the transfusion as her blood was of the right kind. The blood was drawn from the arm through a hollow needle into a vacuum flask, from which it was later injected into the boy's arm. Miss Best left

very little the worse for the loss of blood.

She refused to take the £20 reward offered by the boy's relatives,

and the cheque, at her request, has been given to the hospital.

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NO GOOD AT ALL.

MAN UNDER THE TABLE.

MUST ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES.

Wong Wing-chan who was remanded on Tuesday by Magistrate Orme on a charge of entering the house of Mr. F. Dubois, No. 38, Morrison Hill Road, for a felonious purpose, in the small hours of the morning of Jan. 1, was again before the Magistrate this morning. The remand, it will be remembered, was given in order that the accused might be given a chance to produce witnesses to prove his bona fides.

This morning Sergeant Kelly reported to the Magistrate that he had taken the accused to interview his former employers. It was true that the accused had been employed at the French Bank but that was two years ago, and he was dismissed because he was "no good at all." Previous to joining the Bank, the accused had worked at the French Consulate but they very soon got rid of him. He (the Sergeant) had interviewed the French Consul yesterday, and the latter was prepared to repatriate the accused after the Court had dealt with him.

The Magistrate: Personally you do not know anything about the accused? Not at all.

The Magistrate: If people want to go to houses at night and get under the table, they must take the risk.

To the interpreter: Tell him that I understand the French Consul is prepared to send him back to Haiphong, and in the circumstances I will pass a lighter sentence on him than I would if he were to continue to remain here. He will go to jail for one month with hard labour.

TRADING JUNK CAPSIZES.

TWO MEN DROWNED.

OLD MAN DIES FROM EXPOSURE.

The loss of a trading junk with fatal consequences has been reported to the police at Chinchau by the master who states that about 10.30 a.m. on January 4, while the vessel was on a voyage from Po-Lo on Lan-tau Island to Chinchau carrying a crew of three besides himself, and two male and three female passengers, it was caught in a squall near Pakkwook and capsized. All on board, together with the cargo, were thrown into the water. The master and six others clung to the overturned boat and remained in the water for over an hour before they were rescued by a passing fishing junk and taken to Chinchau. One fisherman and one passenger sank immediately and were apparently drowned. All efforts to recover the bodies of the missing people failed.

A man, over 60 years of age, collapsed from exposure immediately after he was landed at Chinchau, and in spite of artificial respiration, did not recover. His remains were removed to the mortuary.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL, 1921.

DANCE PROGRAMME.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY.

For the convenience of guests at the Annual Ball of the St. George's Society on Thursday next, January 6, it is announced that the renderings for the dancers in St. George's Hall will be known by three red lights, in St. Andrew's Hall, by a similar number of blue lights, and in the Music Room three green lights will prove the means of finding partners.

The principal income of the Government of Kwangtung consists of the land tax of about \$3,500,000;

salt, \$800,000; miscellaneous, \$5,000; liquor, \$3,750,000; and tobacco and wine tax \$3,000,000.

By the suppression of gambling, the Government has lost an annual income of about \$10,000,000.

In the opinion of Mr. Liao, it is not necessary to create new taxation to cover the deficit caused by the abolition of gambling. Mr. Liao

would suggest a new survey, through which some \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 may be added to the present land tax of \$3,500,000. Through a further reform in the salt administration, at least \$8,000,000 more annually might be realized, thus providing an addition to the revenue of \$15,000,000 or more.

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ENGLAND IN 2074.**NOVELIST'S PICTURE.****A WORLD IN DECAY.**

What is to be the outcome of all the unrest that is setting the world by the ears? Suppose unrest breeds riot, and riot grows to civil war—what sort of world will it be for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren?

Mr. Edward Shanks answers these questions in his novel "The People of the Ruins" which is not only a fine story but a race for the times, says a reviewer. For the people of the ruins are the people of England, a hundred and fifty years hence; and the story of the way England came to ruin, as it was gradually unfolded to a man who had slept through the years of riot and warfare and decay is a story with a moral—and the more disconcerting because it does not set out to be a moral story.

The idea of a sleeper who wakes a century or two or three centuries hence is not new, but no one has imagined such an unhappy world as that in which Mr. Shanks wakes Jeremy Tuff in the year two thousand and seventy-four. Nineteen twenty-four was the beginning of a time of trouble; it was while Jeremy was engaged on an experiment in the East End on some new ways that the fighting began. When the building fell about his ears it was the action of the ways that kept him in a living death for a hundred and fifty years; and it was the sequel to that time of trouble that made so puzzling a world around him when he awoke.

GRASS-GROWN STREETS.

For he awoke to a London that was grass-grown where there had been crowded streets and warrens of humanity; to a world that had forgotten nearly all it had known of science and art and civilisation in the twentieth century. There had come, he learned, after the Grass Strike the Time of the Troubles; and that had led to war and civil war, and waste and despair. Gradually, as he pieced together the old world and the new, he realised how England—and not only England but nearly all the world—had come to such a state of decay. An old priest tried to help him to understand how it had all happened.

"It is hard to say how it all came about," mused the old man. "Some have said that the old life grew too difficult, and just ground itself to pieces. It began with the rich and the poor. When some accident brought them to blows it was too late to put the world right. After that they never trusted one another, and there was no more peace. . . . For fifty years there was always war in some part of the world. And when they stopped fighting they couldn't settle down again. The workers idled, or smashed the machines. And at last a time came when the fighting didn't stop. It went on and on in England and all over the Continent. All the schools, all the universities were closed for more than twenty years. . . . A generation grew up that had never learnt anything. Only a few men knew how to do the things their fathers had done every day, and the rest were too stupid or too lazy to learn them from property."

DESOLATION AND RUIN.

So it was that Jeremy had to learn anew his way about a London half in ruins. He made some dangerous discoveries in looking for the London he knew. He walked in a great shrubbery of rhododendrons, where Charing Cross station had been, and in a rose garden over the deep buried foundations of Scotland Yard. There were no aeroplanes overhead; aviation had been abandoned because there had been so many accidents due to faulty construction. There were no steamships on the sea, and no motor transport on land. A few trains still ran over rusting rails—one went to Glasgow every week, and two to Liverpool and Bristol.

Farther out, beyond the wilderness that had been Regent's Park, "every stage of desolation and decay was to be seen. . . . Every scrap of wood and metal had long been torn from these slowly perishing houses. Some had collapsed into their own cellars and were gradually being covered over. Some, which had been built of less enduring bricks, seemed merely to have melted, leaving only faint irregularities in the surface of the ground. Others stood gaunt and crazily leaning."

And still farther out Jeremy, later, found himself camping in the ruins of Windsor Castle.

"Much of the old building had been burned down and what was left had been used as a quarry. It was not possible to go anywhere in the neighbourhood without seeing the great calcined stones built into the walls of houses or barns. Hardly anything of the castle was left standing; and the poor remains, in fact, were used as a common cart shed by the inhabitants of the village of Windsor."

ALWAYS FIGHTING.

The ruler of this reshaped country was the Speaker, not the Speaker of the House of Commons—the Houses of Parliament had been burned down long before—but a descendant of that office. And even his rule was only partial, "many powerful in

the North the Chairman of Bradford and in the West the President of Wales—disputed his authority and ever stirred up new strife. Though armies were little more than untrained rabble there was always fighting on the Continent, Jeremy learned; but those wars did not concern England, where there had been no war for more than a hundred years. No one knew how to make the weapons for real warfare."

Yet even in such a wretched country there was still enough of the spirit of ambition and aggression to cause more war: civil war between North and South. And Jeremy, who had fought in the Great War, found himself forced to fight in the artillery—consisting of one gun which he had helped to make—in the civil war of 2074.

What happened then is for Mr. Shanks to tell; but it is all so convincing that one puts the book down with a shudder, wondering if it will ever be like that—if our great grandchildren will be the people of the ruins.

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All day to-day the building was in the hands of an army of workmen putting the finishing touches on the decorations, preparing the floors, connecting the lights, and completing the thousand and one other details necessary in the organization of a function so large a scale.

Under the capable supervision of the members of the committees and the experts in charge of the lighting and certain special arrangements, scores of labourers were working in a maze of foliage, flowers, and other decorations, while through the doors and down the corridors wound a long line of coolies carrying in furniture, greenery of every description, boxes of supplies and other paraphernalia, all of it to contribute its share to the success of the great occasion.

The committee in charge of the decorations, of which Major E. G. Bird is chairman, has done a notable piece of work in transforming the building and providing a beautiful setting for the Ball. It is true to say that City Hall has been converted into a fairland—but true, nevertheless. More true in this instance than in most others, for the reason that the type of decoration employed, by the committee, looks so charmingly to the illusion. In a word, the building, from top to bottom, is one great arbor of masses and ropes of greenery—piled up in banks, or twining prettily over rustic columns and arches, or draped gracefully from walls and ceilings—and all studded with fresh, fragrant roses and coloured electric lights, cunningly concealed. Entering the scene, one has the impression of stepping into a huge conservatory, passing through tunnels of roses and foliage, of coming suddenly upon a wonder path in a fairy garden.

First, in point of decorations, is the big white shield of electric lights, bearing the red cross of St. George, that hangs above the main entrance to the building, which at night will light up the street, a square away. Of the three front doors that give entrance from the street, the centre is the official door for H.E. the Governor and his party; the one to the left opens into the ladies' cloak room; that to the right to the gentlemen's cloak room. Guests will enter these doors, and meet inside in the lower hall.

Here is where the guests will get their initial glimpse of the lavish decorations that have been carried out through the building. The hall downstairs is a perfect treasure-house of luxurious ferns and palms, while overhead, and leading up the grand staircase, is a rustic arcade, loaded with greenery and roses. Through this with the roses enveloping them in perfume, the guests will ascend to the ball rooms on the floor above. The other rooms on the lower floor that have been side-by-side for bar and card rooms, have been richly decorated with bows and coloured draperies.

Upstairs, the guests will come upon a landing that is similarly half hidden in flowers and foliage, giving access to the two ballrooms, the Halls of St. George and St. Andrew. The hall

rooms are decorated with fascinating quaintness. In St. George's Hall the walls are draped in white, studded with ornamental patterns in red, and picked out with strings of foliage and roses. Along the upper part of the walls runs a frieze of clusters of foliage connected with strings of greenery. The ceiling is hidden behind a rich canopy of streamers of red and white, encircled with a great rope of greenstuff bearing a wealth of roses, and held in the centre with a great button of foliage. At the side is the dais for the Governor and his official party, and this, too, is charmingly and appropriately decorated. St. Andrew's Hall also is richly and brightly embellished with dainty designs.

Around the outside of the ball rooms the balconies have been enclosed, and provided with any number of comfortable sitting places in attractive surroundings. Here also are many palms and ferns, and on the walls are flocks. A pretty scheme of decoration has been carried out likewise in the various lounging rooms and the buffet room established on this floor.

The supper will be served in the theatre, where appropriate decorations have been carried out with generous hand. The stage, where the official party will sit as guests of the Society, is enclosed in gorgeous draperies of black and yellow; the columns supporting the balcony are draped with colour; the balcony itself carries hangings of black and yellow, held with knots of red; while along the edge are frequent stands of the flags of the Allies. The way to the stage from the grand staircase leads down a passage which is hung with dainty green, purple, and white flowers.

The principal feature of the whole decorative scheme is, of course, the wealth of fresh roses that have been employed, and for these the Society has had the liberal assistance of the Botanical Department. Credit for the decorations is given Major Bird, and in general the members of his committee on Decorations, especially Mr. Thomas Grimshaw and Mr. John Parkes, Mr. W. A. Dowley, chairman of the Committee on Music and Dancing, and Mr. R. J. Wilson, chairman of the committee on Wines and Sopper, also come in for commendation from all who have had occasion to observe the excellent manner in which they have discharged their duties. Others, outside of the members of the committee, as well as included among their number, are the recipients of the gratitude of those concerned for their co-operation, among them being the Harbour Office, which has assisted materially.

The Committee in charge of the reception is the Invitation and Reception Committee—Mr. G. C. Moxon (Chairman), Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. H. M. H. Gompertz, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallinan, Messrs. L. N. Leete, J. W. Graham, R. Hancock, and G. T. Edkins.

Decoration Committee—Major L. G. Bird (Chairman), Commander Beckwith, R.N., Messrs. A. H. Hollingsworth, H. Green, W. A. Cornell, Thos. Grimshaw, John Parkes, G. H. M. Bannerman, A. W. Tickle, and Lieut. Conway Hake, R.N.R.

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Card Room Committee—Messrs. A. C. Coppin (Chairman), H. P. Winslow, G. M. Lakin, J. W. Graham, A. E. Griffin, and F. Smyth.

Cloak Room Committee—Mr. F. A. Wells (Chairman), Dr. Montague Harston, Messrs. M. S. Norbroke, G. W. Barton, and J. Parkes.

CHUNG LING SOO'S SECRETS.

CHANCE FOR AMATEURS.

AUCTION OF MAGICIAN'S PROPERTIES.

London, Nov. 4. There is going to be some grim work at our suburban Christmas parties this festive season, and many an amateur conjurer is likely to get badly mangled through messing about with magic that he doesn't understand.

Usually these gentlemen content themselves with a wand, two eggs, one real, and a half-educated rabbit; but this year they are aiming at bigger game.

"DISAPPEARING DUCK."

The "Star" man met one of them on Hammersmith Bridge staggering under a huge infernal machine, like a trench mortar with guillotine attachment, and marked "Lot 2,857."

This, he learned, was the "Wonderful Disappearing Duck," a stage illusion that once formed part of the late Chung Ling Soo's repertoire.

Not far away, in a Barnes auction room, the remainder of that dead artist's "props" were being sold at bargain prices.

PART OF THE CATALOGUE.

It was an astonishing collection that the Star man found in the showroom: Chinese pagodas, umbrellas and paper lanterns piled in heaps, trick chairs, magic carpets, seven-league boots, jumps of disembodied giants, life-size cardboard soldiers, cabinet tricks, bird cages, scores of old swords, faded costumes, trick pistols, and things that looked like Chinese instruments of torture.

In the auction room was a crowd of amateur conjurers, music-hall turns, and pantomime furnishers on the lookout for suitable properties.

THE CONJURER IN THE HOME.

Bidding was brisk, the smaller lots being eagerly bought up by the amateur gentlemen who will presently wreck their homes with them and estrange their relatives.

Lot 71, various birdcage tricks, fetched 12s., a dove-producing basket went for 8s., and a "magic basket of water-producing tray, with magic fish bowls," was secured for 32s. 6d.

Nine trick table-tops, capable, the auctioneer said, of producing anything, went for 5s., and a revolver with powder ("Go easy with that, Sir. You're not in Ireland") was bought by a harmless young man for 20s. Hammersmith was the nearest hospital; they told him.

BOTTLES AND BATTLE AXES.
A quantity of bottle fakes for producing any liquid you like" went to an anti-pussycat for 26s., and three battle axes, a Chinese totem, and a magic fishing rod fetched the same price.

"Three Dream of Wealth banknote cases" came next. With these, it was explained, Chung Ling Soo made fivers disappear like twinkles—but not so quick as I can," said the auctioneer, and knocked them down for 6s.

A "bowls table for producing an assistant" was bought for 4s. A very simple trick this, and an ornament to any Christmas party.

"You get inside it, open the door, and you're not there." This trick should be performed last of all, or immediately you've upset the goldfish over your aunt.

PANTOMIME PROPERTIES.

Lot 102 was "a life-size lion in papier mache, with quantity of pants heads."

The amateurs had no use for this because of the children, so the pantomime furnishers had it all their own way, and the lion disappeared for 2s. 10s.

An elephant in sections and a ditto kangaroo fetched only 3s.

Included in the sale were Chung Ling Soo's famous "Death Chair" illusion, "bridal chamber" illusion, and the "Vanishing Girl" bench.

One prospective buyer tried hard to persuade his wife to try the last, "just to see if it was in working order"; but the lady was suspicious.

THE HAWKINS' TAMAR.

These two teams met on the Navy Ground, Happy Valley. "Tamar" lost the toss and kicked off against the breeze. In spite of this handicap they at once made tracks for the "Hawkins" territory. Play was very fast from the opening whistle. The "Hawkins" defence was taking no chances and wasted no time in stopping the invasion, clearing the ball to midfield. Both ends of the field were visited in quick succession but without success. After a while, the struggle was confined to midfield with the "Hawkins" having slightly the better of the exchanges, but not sufficiently to give their forwards any advantage. Whenever either sets of forwards got in front of goal, they missed good chances by erratic shooting. The half time came with the score sheet blank.

Resuming the "Tamar" at once attacked and forced a corner off Edwards. Heap took the kick but sent the ball out. The kick-in saw the "Hawkins" transfer play to the "Tamar" end where Ballard sent in a shot which completely beat Powell but much to the disappointment of the men of the Flagship, the ball struck the crossbar and went out.

The "Hawkins" continued to press for a while but they were still erratic in their shooting and failed to score. During a foul against Grant sent the "Hawkins" in, where Webb received a beautiful pass from Chatham, but before he could make full use of it, the ball was robbed from him by Castle who kicked away only to have it returned by Wilkins with a long shot which just missed the upright.

During the closing stages of the game, the "Tamar" were continuously in enemy territory, and had very hard lines in missing a good chance.

Wines and Supper Committee—Messrs. R. J. Wilson (Chairman), H. P. Winslow, G. M. Lakin, J. W. Graham, N. J. Austin, G. G. Wood, R. L. Bridger, T. E. Pearce, L. F. Townend, E. S. Abbott, W. D. Jupp, W. E. Roberts, W. A. Hannibal, and A. Nicholson.

SPORT.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

Large crowds of Service men witnessed two interesting matches in connection with the United Services Football League yesterday. Both games were very evenly contested and great excitement prevailed. The Sookumboo Valley, match between the R.G.A. and the "Ambrose" resulted in a win for the Artillerymen by two goals to nil after a very exciting struggle.

"Tamar" match at Happy Valley was very keenly contested, ending in a goalless draw.

Descriptions of the matches follow:

R.G.A. v. "AMBROSE."

The Sailors set the pace from the opening whistle in this match and for the first few minutes were all over their opponents who had to play very carefully to avoid an early downfall of their citadel. After a series of clever passes which was very popular with the spectators, the Gunnery went down, and Veale, receiving, tested Harwood with a drive which the latter very neatly parried away. Veale was still in position, however, and trapping the ball as it came from Harwood, drove it hard into the net for the opening goal. With the Artillerymen leading 1-0 early in the match, the "Ambrose" men assumed the offensive from the centre and were soon giving the Artillery defence a warm time.

Relief came when Frampton cleared with a hefty kick to midfield. After one or two breakaways by both sets of forwards, which were checked before they could be dangerous, the ball was confined to midfield where all attempts to get it away failed.

The half time whistle came with the Gunnery leading by one goal to nil.

Kicking off at the resumption, the

"Ambrose" tried to get away, but were

robbed by the Gunnery, who imme-

diately made a bee-line for the

opposite end of the field, only to be

stopped by Edridge who was playing

a very sound game. Play was trans-

ferred to the Gunnery's territory where

Frampton was forced to kick behind

to save the situation. Beardall took

the corner kick and placed the ball well. It struck the top of the crossbar and rebounded into play. Monkhouse

trapped the ball and sent in a first

time shot which went straight into Woods' hands and the latter threw the ball out before he could be tackled.

The Gunnery transferred play after

this and Wilson, coming in from the

right, sent in a low, swift shot which

it was impossible for Harwood to

stop. In spite of strenuous attempts

by the Sailors to get away after this,

the Gunnery succeeded in confining

the ball to midfield, and playing

out time, managed to win by two

goals to nil.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

C.S.C.C. v. I.R.C.

In the above match to take place on the 8th inst. at 2.45 p.m. on the Civil Service ground, the following will represent the Indians—A. H. Rumjahn, A. el Arculi, M. H. Abbas, S. H. Ismail, A. A. Rumjahn, D. Weerapulli, S. A. Ismail, K. Khan, S. D. Ismail, D. Rumjahn and N. M. Bux.

C.R.C. v. C.C.C.

In the above match on the C.R.C. ground on Saturday at 2 p.m. the following will represent the Chinese—Ng Sze Kwon (Capt.) Un Hew Fan, Gao, Lee, Hung Man, To, M. P. Shin, H. Ching, J. Wong, Chou Man Ping, Lai Kim, M. P. Do and Yew Man Hon.

CAUGHT IN A SQUALL.

SHIPWRECKED SEAMEN.

EIGHTEEN ARRIVE IN HONGKONG.

On arrival of the a.s. "Cinfoo" in port yesterday, eighteen shipwrecked seamen were brought to the Central Station by Captain Hessel who reported having picked the men up from a waterlogged junk on January 2, some miles of Shanghai.

It appears that the unfortunate men were caught in a squall and their craft wrecked.

Arrangements are being made to repatriate the men who are all Northerners, and appear to be fishermen.

They are also needed for the Oriental

European service.

The famous Canton East Garden

near the East Bridge, the Bund, will

be turned into a large amusement

ground. The place will be open

about Chinese New Year.

The famous Canton East Garden

near the East Bridge, the Bund, will

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES

CHINA COAST, ETC.

JAN. 7. — Wing-tang.
Hupen.
Haibong.
Waikong.
Kaojiao.
Santow.
Soehu Maru.
13. — Haikong.

AMOY.

JAN. 8. — D. L. Haikong.
S. O. S. K. Kaijo Maru.
11. — S. O. S. K. Soehu Maru.
13. — D. L. Haikong.

FOOCHEW.

JAN. 8. — D. L. Haikong.
13. — D. L. Haikong.
SHANGHAI.

JAN. 7. — I.C.S.N. Ningpo.
8. — C. N. Anchises.
9. — I.C.S.N. Waikong.
10. — L. T. (D. & C.) Pusan.
11. — C. N. Szechuen.
12. — C. N. Chekiang.
13. — C. N. Chekiang.
26. — P. & O. Dunesa.
30. — L. T. (D. & C.) Hungaria.
Feb. 11. — B. F. Tereisa.
18. — B. F. Titan.
23. — P. & O. Dilwara.

TSINGTAO.

JAN. 7. — C. N. Tientsin.
8. — C. N. Ningpo.
13. — C. N. Chekiang.

PUKOW.

JAN. 11. — C. N. Szechuen.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

JAN. 12. — I.C.S.N. Takong.

KEELUNG.

JAN. 9. — O. S. K. Kaijo Maru.

TAKAO.

JAN. 13. — O. S. K. Soehu Maru.

SAIGON.

JAN. 18. — W. M. Andre Lebon.

31. — M. M. Paul Lebon.

BANGKOK.

JAN. 7. — C. N. Hupen.
11. — C. N. Kaichow.

SINGAPORE.

JAN. 12. — I.C.S.N. Kowloon.

Feb. 3. — C. M. S. China.

Apr. 3. — C. M. S. Nie.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MANILA.

JAN. 7. — I.C.S.N. Loongtang.

Mar. 19. — C. M. S. Nanking.

JAVA PORTS, ETC.

JAN. 7. — C. N. Taikowayi.

11. — J.C.J.L. Chidhar.

12. — D. L. Glymott.

13. — J.C.J.L. Van Waerwyck.

18. — J.C.J.L. Tjikembang.

22. — N. Y. E. (D. & C.) Riojan M.

23. — J.C.J.L. Tjilatjap.

31. — J.C.J.L. Huijang.

Feb. 11. — N. Y. K. (D. & C.) Macassar M.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA.

(Via Rangoon).

JAN. 8. — S. N. Y. K. Taikowayi.

8. — B. I. A. Gregory Apur.

18. — I.C.S.N. Laisaig.

Feb. 4. — B. I. A. Takada.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

JAN. 13. — C. & A. Hwang Ping.

18. — N. Y. K. Nikko Maru.

19. — E. & A. Eastern.

Feb. 10. — C. & A. Victoria.

15. — N. Y. K. Aki Maru.

16. — E. & A. Kao-wei.

Mar. 9. — E. & A. St. Albans.

JAPAN PORTS.

JAN. 7. — I.C.S.N. Fookong.

7. — O. S. K. Fookong.

9. — N. Y. K. Yokohama Maru.

10. — P. & O. Delta.

10. — N. Y. K. Kansawa Maru.

10. — N. Y. K. Totomi Maru.

12. — B. F. Lycon.

15. — B. I. A. Takada.

15. — M. M. Armand Behic.

15. — N. Y. K. Kunpo Maru.

19. — P. & O. Khiva.

20. — N. Y. K. (D. & C.) Hukuto M.

21. — B. F. Mentor.

22. — P. & O. Alipore.

23. — E. & A. Kao-wei.

Feb. 2. — P. & O. Kao-wei.

4. — B. F. Helena.

5. — M. M. Porthos.

6. — B. F. Europhile.

7. — N. Y. K. (D. & C.) Brang M.

13. — B. F. Stentor.

15. — P. & O. Kao-wei.

21. — E. & A. St. Albans.

23. — B. F. Kunpo.

24. — B. F. Kao-wei.

Mar. 4. — B. F. Imoncon.

AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.

JAN. 7. — C.P.O.S. Montague.
10. — W. L. West Jester.
13. — C.P.O.S. Empress of Asia.
14. — C.P.O.S. Arizona Maru.
15. — S. & D. Devil.
16. — C. P. D. Dancer.
18. — C.P.O.S. Empress of Japan.
Feb. 10. — C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia.
Mar. 31. — C.P.O.S. Empress of Asia.
Apr. 7. — C.P.O.S. Montague.
28. — C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia.
May 17. — C.P.O.S. Empress of Japan.

VICTORIA.

JAN. 10. — W. L. West Jester.
14. — O. S. K. Arizona Maru.
21. — A. L. Edmore.
22. — N. Y. K. Kashima Maru.
23. — N. Y. K. Tajima Maru.
24. — N. Y. K. Sawa Maru.
Mar. 2. — N. Y. K. Fushimi Maru.

SEATTLE.

JAN. 10. — W. L. West Jester.
14. — O. S. K. Arizona Maru.
15. — S. & D. Devil.
21. — C. P. D. Dancer.
23. — N. Y. K. Tajima Maru.
24. — N. Y. K. Sawa Maru.
Mar. 2. — N. Y. K. Fushimi Maru.

TACOMA.

JAN. 10. — W. L. West Jester.
14. — O. S. K. Arizona Maru.
21. — A. L. Edmore.

SAN FRANCISCO.

JAN. 12. — C. M. S. Nanking.
21. — C. M. S. West Islip.
23. — C. M. S. Nile.
Feb. 7. — T. K. K. Shinyo Maru.
15. — D. L. West Islip.
24. — A. K. Persia Maru.
25. — C. M. S. China.
Mar. 7. — T. K. K. Koma Maru.

LOS ANGELES.

JAN. 10. — W. L. West Jester.

PORTLAND.

JAN. 9. — A. L. Montague.
Feb. 5. — A. L. Alberta.
Mar. 7. — A. L. Pawlet.
Apr. 4. — A. L. Coaster.

VALPARAISO.

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JAN. 17. — T. K. K. Kiyo Maru.

Feb. 12. — T. K. K. Nippon Maru.

Mar. 12. — T. K. K. Anyo Maru.

May 12. — T. K. K. Seijo Maru.

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8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. 15

9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. 15

11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 15

12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. 15

2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. 15

5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. 10

NIGHT CARS

8.50 p.m. to 8 p.m. 8.30 p.m.

8.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 3 minutes

11.45 p.m. SATURDAYS

EXTRA CAR—12.00 midnight

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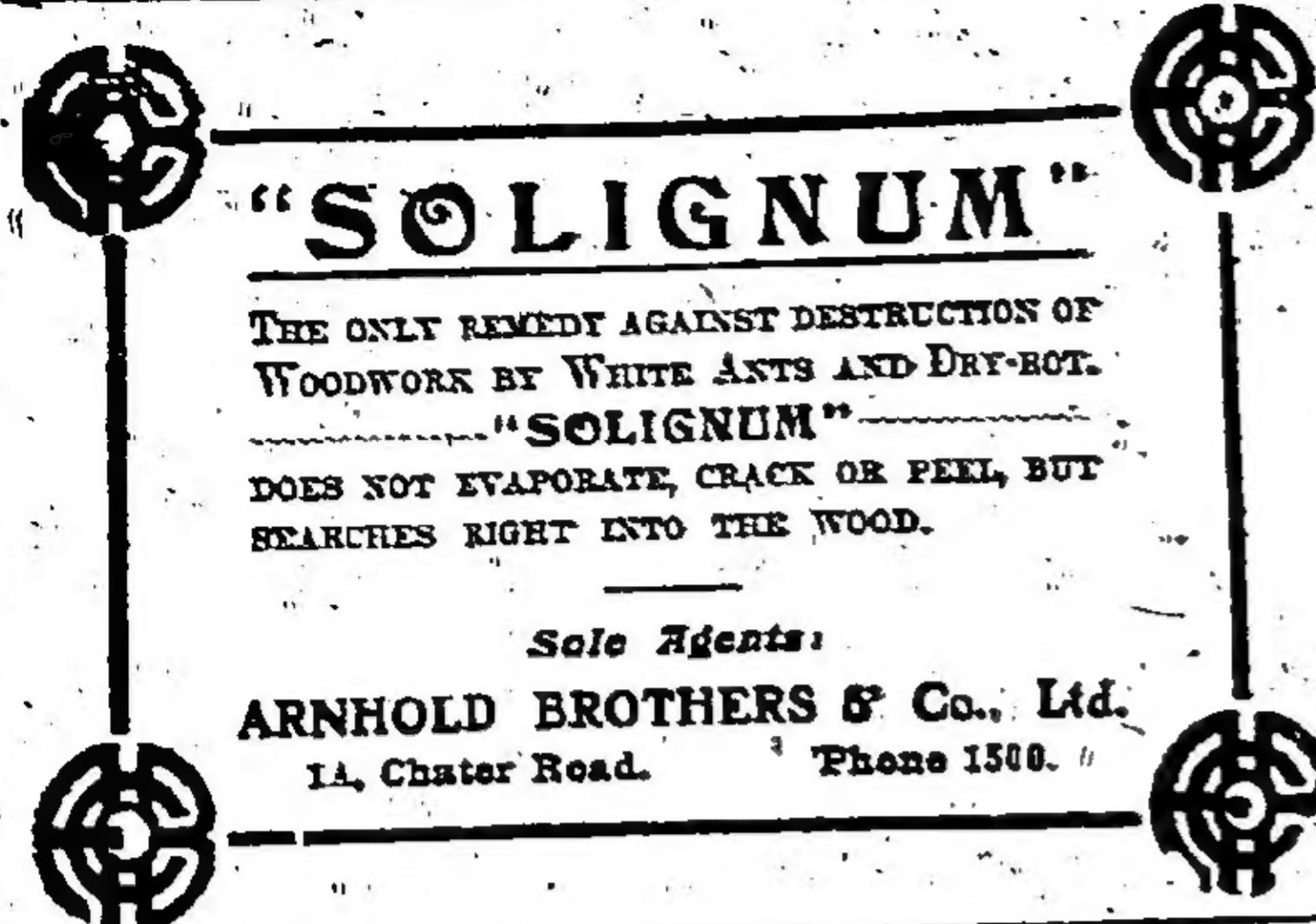
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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ECONOMIC DEPRESSION.

A CRISIS IMPENDING IN THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

VALUE OF SHIPS FALLS FIFTY PER CENT.

LONDON, January 5.
Reports of the closing of works and the discharge of men continue to come in from various parts of the country, emphasising the need for immediate measures to relieve unemployment. Enquiries in London shipping circles show that a crisis is now impending in the shipping industry. The chief sufferers are expected to be the smaller new concerns which are unable to accumulate sufficient reserves. The value of ships has fallen 50 per cent compared with the war. It is pointed out that if a steamer's value is based on earning capacity it will be negligible owing to the shortage of freights, while if it is based on the cost of building it will be 100 per cent higher. Some owners hold the opinion that it would be more economical to lay up ships till the markets improve. On the other hand the Cunard Company's programme is expected to better the situation. The Company proposes to build 23 ships in 1921 of a tonnage of 300,000 following the policy of smaller and swifter ships and not repeating the mammoths.

SHORT TIME PROPOSALS.

LONDON, January 5.

The National Alliance of employers and employed, presided over by Sir Vincent Caillard, Chairman of Messrs. Vickers, and including prominent trade unionists, which considered the Government's short time proposals, has issued a statement that these are already operating almost as far as possible. It points out the evils of under-employment as alternative to unemployment, and the consequent risk that a reasonable subsistence level will not be reached. The Alliance therefore condemns compulsory short time and favours reduced working hours whereby the unemployed may benefit wherever employers and employees voluntarily agree. It considers that the real solution lies in cordial co-operation between employers and trade unionists.

LEVER BROTHERS' BIG ENTERPRISE.

NEW YORK, January 5.

Messrs. Lever Brothers' American Branch has increased its capital from \$12,000,000 to \$150,000,000 and acquired control of an American-owned company. The corporation will be organised with a capital of \$183,000,000.

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Philippine Islands...Monrovia...2 p.m.
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Pakhoi and Haiphong...Takowayi...5 p.m.
Kaiping...5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8.
Shanghai and North China...Ningpo...11 a.m.
"Swatow, Shanghai and North China...Waihing...5 p.m.

Saigon...Phnompenh...9 a.m.
"Swatow, Amoy and Fookow...Kujo Maru...3 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookow...Habong...5 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10.
Shanghai, North China and Japan...Delta...11 a.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11.
Swatow and Bangkok...Kaochow...8 a.m.
Amyo, Phnompenh and North China...Sechuan...11 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12.
Hohow and Haiphong...Takang...8 a.m.
Strait and Bangkok...Kummen...1 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13.
Shanghai, "North China, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO...Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10.00

Shanghai and North China...Tenyo Maru...10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookow...Haihong...11 a.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14.
Shanghai and North China...Chusan...2 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15.
Japan, Honolulu & SAN FRANCISCO...Bijo Maru...11 a.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16.
Strait, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN...Loring...1 p.m.

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ENTERTAINMENT.

CHEFALO AND PALERMO,
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The box office for the advance booking for the season of mystification to be given by Chefalo and Palermo, magicians, legendairy artists &c., are now open at Moutre's where early application should be made for seats as the success of these artists in other parts of the World can be taken as a criterion. Chefalo and Palermo with their complete company and their own lavish scenery and effects and magnificent costumes, as worn by Mme. Palermo, will open their season here in the Theatre Royal on SATURDAY next, commencing at 9.15. "With conjuring as with all else," says a London exchange, "personality counts so very much and Chefalo has a personality. His audience are his good friends and he has an infinite knack of taking them into his confidence. His manner of presenting his illusions is beyond praise. His stage accessories are delightful, and his partner, the beautiful Palermo, in her truly gorgeous frocks, is of very vital assistance in creating the atmosphere of novelty and charm, who is one of the chief delights of the programme. The whole performance is an absorbing one and goes with brightness, sparkle and humour, and provides one of the most engrossing, entertaining and delightful evening's amusement." Besides presenting an extremely clever show Chefalo and Palermo stage it on a gorgeous scale. A number of entirely new tricks will be presented here, the invention of Chefalo himself. Apart from the mystifying scenes presented Palermo executes a Spanish dance after which she and Chefalo give a real Argentine Tango. During the season changes of programme will be given as announced.

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Captain H. S. McGrath Aide-de-Camp returned the call on board the "Aitair."

Surgeon Captain F. Dalton, C.M.G., R.N., called at Government House this morning and was received by His Excellency.

A clear bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday.

man, and if his character is good and honest and is competent to succeed to my estate, all the business owned by me and standing in my name shall be handed over to my son Chung Pak Hung to administer and control. I am also to receive a share of \$500 in the Tung Tung Fung Rice Shop in Hongkong and a share of \$200 in the San Hau Wa Dyer's firm in Canton and also the businesses commonly owned by Chung Hung Fuk Tong of Ancestor Kwong Yu (that is) a share of \$1,000 in the Kwong Lee Ching Rice Shop, Hongkong, a share of \$1,000 in Kwong Fuk Shing, Shantung, importers and exporters' firm, a share of \$2,000 in the Chung Yick Rice Mill, a share of \$1,000 in the Shing Yick Rice shop, a share of \$1,000 in the Tung Tak Pewter shop the business owned by the Common (fund) were managed by me ever since. As I am seriously ill and in imminent danger of death I am afraid the unexpected event may befall me (any moment) and should I be unable to escape from the unavoidable end and meet with death, thereby giving rise to disputes, I specially establish a distinction between the business owned by me and those owned by the Common (fund) and direct that all of these shall be entrusted to my 5th younger brother, Chung Man Tong for him to control, manage and administer and no other people shall be allowed to raise any claims or disputes. When my son Chung Pak Hung attains his full age and becomes a full grown

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